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SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF ALIAS ACKERMANN ON CLANDESTINE WARNING
INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION

REFERENCE: WASHINGTON 586540

1. REFERENCE FORWARDS SUMMARY OF BRIEFING GIVEN ALIAS ACKERMANN
AT HQS ON SUBJECT OF WARNING INTELLIGENCE.

2. BRIEFING WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED AND PROMPTED ACKERMANN TO
REQUEST THAT THE SUBJECT BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AND IN GREATER DEPTH
BETWEEN PNEXCEL AND HIS SERVICE, WITH UPCOMING VISIT TO CASCOPE HQS
OF NIO/WARNING BEING NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.

3. ACKERMANN SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY SHARED MANY OF THE
VIEWPOINTS EXPRESSED IN THE BRIEFING AND, AGAINST SOME INTERNAL
CASCOPE MANAGEMENT OPPOSITION, HAD PERSISTED IN A PROGRAM WHICH TO
DATE HAD RECRUITED SOME 20 LONG-DISTANCE EAST GERMAN, POLISH AND
OTHER EAST EUROPEAN TRUCK DRIVERS TO PERFORM RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS
SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS OUTLINED IN OUR BRIEFING. HE CONFIDED THAT
PROGRAM WAS RUNNING INTO PROBLEMS BECAUSE REPORTING FROM THESE
OBSERVERS WAS ESSENTIALLY LOW-LEVEL AND NEGATIVE, I.E. THEY SAW
LITTLE OUT OF THE ORDINARY. HE FELT "STRENGTHENED" BY OUR BRIEFING
AS IT PROVIDED A "WELL THOUGHT OUT" JUSTIFICATION FOR THE IMPORTANCE
OF COLLECTING EVEN NEGATIVE DATA ON A SYSTEMATIC, SUSTAINED BASIS.

4. IN RESPECT TO THE UTILIZATION OF WEST GERMAN NATIONALS WITH
REGULAR ACCESS TO BLOC AREAS OF WARNING INTEREST, ACKERMANN (AS HAD
BEEN C/CASCOPE BEFORE HIM) WAS DECIDEDLY CAUTIOUS AND RESERVED.
CONSEQUENCES TO CASCOPE OF FLAPS INVOLVING WEST GERMAN NATIONALS
APPREHENDED IN THE BLOC HAD BEEN SEVERE AND LEFT CASCOPE WARY OF NEW
INITIATIVES. WHILE CONSCIOUS OF THE "RISK VERSUS GAIN" RATIO,
ACKERMANN AGREED THAT DISCUSSION OF THE WARNING PROBLEM COULD AND
SHOULD PROCEED ON THE BASIS THAT RISK COULD BE BETTER ASSESSED WHEN
WE HAD CLEARER PICTURE OF WHAT THE ACTUAL TARGETS ARE TO BE.

5. WE WISH BE FORTHCOMING IN RESPONDING TO ACKERMANN'S DESIRE

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FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF HOW CASCOPE MIGHT DEVELOP DEDICATED WARNING COLLECTION OPS. EARLY STAGES OF THIS DISCUSSION WILL EMPHASIZE, AS DID BRIEFING, THE QUESTION OF TARGETTING AND THUS WILL CONTINUE NEED FULL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FROM NIO/WARNING STAFF, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL TDYS BEYOND THE UPCOMING ONE OF THE NIO. CASCOPE REP WASHINGTON HAS ALSO TAKEN STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT AND WISHES BE KEPT INFORMED OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. IN FACT, HE SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AS PRINCIPAL CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH FUTURE PNEXCEL/CASCOPE DELIBERATIONS WOULD BE CONDUCTED. ALTHOUGH THIS ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE FOR THE SHORT TERM, WHILE EMPHASIS IS ON AN ANALYTICAL SUPPORT TO TARGETTING, EVENTUALLY PRACTICAL OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS WILL PREDOMINATE AND RELIEVE THESE BEST HANDLED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS. ACCORDINGLY, WE PLAN PROVIDE CASCOPE REP WASHINGTON WITH INFO COPIES OF SOME CORRESPONDENCE, E.G. REFERENCE, BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK ON AND AS PRINCIPAL CHANNEL TO CASCOPE IN WARNING, AS IN OTHER OPS MATTERS.

6. IT APPEARS AT THIS JUNCTURE THAT ACKERMANN IS SOLICITING HELP TO DEVELOP HIS OWN UNILATERAL OPERATIONS, AS OPPOSED TO ENTERTAINING THE IDEA OF CONDUCTING JOINT WARNING COLLECTION OPS WITH PNEXCEL (ALTHOUGH THAT POSSIBILITY FURTHER DOWN THE PIKE IS NOT RULED OUT BY ANYTHING HE OR WE HAVE SAID.) WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO INFLATE HIS EXPECTATIONS AND POINTED OUT THAT SVMACE-NIO/WARNING COLLABORATION WAS ITSELF A NEW AND EXPERIMENTAL VENTURE. ACKERMANN WAS FURTHER TOLD THAT WE LOOKED TO CASCOPE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE THOUGHT PROCESS, IN PARTICULAR FOR O.I. ON INTERNATIONAL USE OF SURFACE LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN THE BLOC. ACKERMANN UNDERTOOK TO INITIATE THIS RESEARCH AND SAID HE WOULD TRY TO HAVE THE RESULTS, AS GOOD OR INDIFFERENT AS THEY MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE, ON HAND BY THE TIME WE WERE READY TO SEND A TDY EXPERT TO WORK WITH CASCOPE FOR 2-3 DAYS.

7. THE PRODUCT TO WHICH THIS PLANNING AND THE SUBSEQUENT TDY(S) ARE DIRECTED CONSISTS OF A "GRID" ON WHICH WOULD BE PLOTTED:

- A. THE COMMUNICATION ARTERIES (RAIL, ROAD AND WATERWAY) IN THE BLOC WHICH CASCOPE NOW CAN OR PROPOSES TO BE ABLE IN THE FUTURE TO COVER THROUGH ITS ASSETS, E.G. THE STABLE OF 20 EXISTING RECRUITED BLOC LONG-DISTANCE DRIVERS.
- B. THE TARGETS (IN A WARNING SENSE) ALONG OR CLOSE TO THESE ARTERIES WHICH WE RECOMMEND TO CASCOPE FOR SUSTAINED OBSERVATION.

WITH THIS GRID IN HAND, AND THE MULTITUDE OF WARNING TARGETS THEREBY REDUCED TO A MANAGABLE QUANTITY FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PROCEED WITH CASCOPE INTO DEVELOPING SPECIFIC BRIEFING AND DEBRIEFING GUIDELINES FOR EACH ASSET ACQUIRED BY THE PROGRAM.

8. WHILE CONCRETE RESULTS ARE STILL A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE AWAY, BROAD AGREEMENT OVER PRINCIPLES WHICH EMERGED DURING ACKERMANN'S VISIT ENCOURAGES US TO THINK THAT THIS EFFORT IS

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DESERVING OF BEST SUPPORT HQS [] AND [] CAN GIVE IT.
WARNING COLLECTION IS NOT, AS YOU KNOW, A PNEXCEL STRONG SUIT BUT IT
IS A SUBJECT OF INCREASING COMMUNITY CONCERN. UNLESS SATISFIED IN
SOME MANNER THROUGH LIAISON (AND CASCOPE IS ALONE AMONG OUR LIAISON
SERVICES IN TRUE CAPABILITIES IN THE FIELD), GROWING REQUIREMENTS
CAN CREATE PRESSURE FOR REDIRECTION OF OUR SCARCE UNILATERAL
RESOURCES. A CASCOPE SUCCESS WOULD HAVE REAL BENEFITS FOR SVMACE AND
WE WILL WELCOME STRONG [] AND [] INVOLVEMENT IN AND DIRECTION
OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.

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